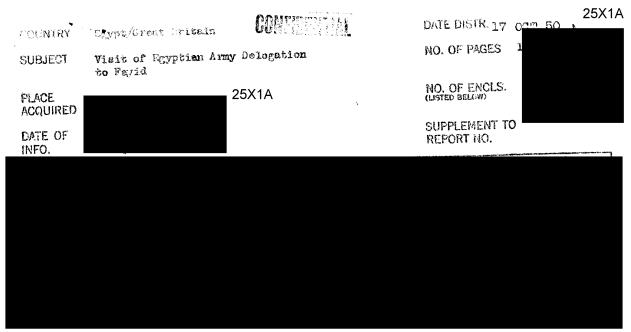
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- 1. According to informant, a party of Egyptian Army officers who paid an official visit to Fayid during August 1950 have since submitted a report to the effect that Egyptian officers could be satisfactorily trained in a short time to take over British installations in the Canal Zone, and that the Egyptian Army had officers competent to assume the responsibility of the defense of the Zone.
- 2. Informant states that the officers concerned, who were much impressed by the excellence of the existing installations, included in their report recommendations that arrangements should be made for the Egyptian Army to have British military advisers at its disposal, and that an increased supply of British arms was desirable.
- 3. The report in question, informant states, was submitted to the Minister of War, with copies to King Faruq, Nahhas Pasha, and also to Amr Pasha, Egyptian Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

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Comment. It would have been surprising if the officers concerned had defied press and public opinion by suggesting that the Sgyptian Army could not defend the Canal Zone. It is known that at least one of the visiting party disagreed with the majority report.

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